

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10(cancelled).

Claim 11 (new): A disc cartridge comprising
a disc; and

a main cartridge body unit having said disc rotatably housed therein;

one lateral surface of said main cartridge body unit being a substantially
semicircular arcuate section having a center of said disc housed in said main cartridge
body unit as a center thereof.

Claim 12 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 11, wherein said arcuate
section is formed on an inserting side of said main cartridge body unit into a recording
and/or reproducing apparatus.

Claim 13 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 12, wherein a back side
of said main cartridge body unit opposite to an inserting end thereof formed as said
arcuate section is a curved section having a curvature larger than a curvature of said
arcuate section.

Claim 14 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 11, wherein said main
cartridge body unit includes a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing at least a
portion of said signal recording area of said disc to outside across an inner rim and an outer
rim of the disc and wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed for being
opened in a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as
said arcuate section.

Claim 15 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 14, wherein a shutter unit for
opening/closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture is movably mounted to said main
cartridge body unit.

Claim 16 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 15, wherein said shutter unit is moved along a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than said arcuate section of said main cartridge body unit for opening/ closing said recording and/or reproducing aperture.

Claim 17 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 16, wherein the lateral side along which is moved said shutter unit is a side parallel to a movement direction of said shutter unit.

Claim 18 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 11, wherein an engagement recess engaged by a part of an ejection unit provided to the recording and/or reproducing apparatus loaded with the disc cartridge is formed in the lateral side of the main cartridge body unit carrying said arcuate section, and wherein

a cut-out portion opened in an opposite direction to said inserting direction is formed on a side of said engagement recess opposite to the inserting direction into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

Claim 19 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 18, wherein another engagement recess is formed in a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit carrying said engagement recess.

Claim 20 (new): The disc cartridge according to claim 19, wherein a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing at least a portion of said disc is formed in said main cartridge body unit, and wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed for being opened in a lateral surface of said main cartridge body unit, formed with said engagement recess, other than the lateral side carrying said arcuate section of the main cartridge body unit.